

Teacher Says Students Warned Against Action

ORANGEBURG, S. C., AP—A Negro college professor testified here Friday that students were warned by their school that they needed a parade permit before staging anti-segregation demonstrations.

The testimony came during the opening trial of 15 of 388 Claf-
lin and South Carolina State Col-
lege students charged with breach
of peace after a mass demonstra-
tion of 1,000 Negro students Tues-
day which was broken up by po-
lice with tear gas and fire hoses.
Testimony continued today.

Professor T. J. Crawford of South Carolina State complied with a prosecution request to read a statement he read the stu-
dents before the mass demon-
stration.

The statement advised students that parade permits were re-
quired and to use "prudence in
this regard."

The statement said the college was not in a position "to defend students arrested for violations of laws," and noted such stu-
dents could be expelled.

Another witness was Orange-
burg Police Chief Harold Hall.
He was questioned by Matthew
Perry, Spartanburg Negro attor-
ney, concerning his "beliefs and
prejudices" on race matters, par-
ticularly lunch counter sitdown
demonstrations.

"Do I have to answer? Am I
on trial?" Hall asked City Mag-
istrate D. Marchant Culler who is
trying the cases before six-men
juries.

Culler ruled Hall didn't have
to answer although Asst. State

Atty. Gen. James Verner ad-
vised that Hall could answer.

Three other Negro attorneys
are helping Perry, and State So-
licitor Julian Wolfe and City
Atty. Hugo Sims are assisting
Verner.

Hall said racial tensions had
been high since demonstrations
began Feb. 25, especially after a
parade March 1.

He said fire hoses and tear gas
were necessary to make some of
the students disperse.
